# Region 5 Director nominees

#### **Andi Morris**

My name is Andi Morris. I work for MNIT @ the Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) as a Business Analyst. I've been with the State since 2007, and a MAPE member since then. I became involved in MAPE around 2010 when I felt that my Local wasn't very strong. I have served as Local President, Local Vice President, and most recently, Regional Director in Region 12 (until I changed jobs and regions). I am a current Steward in Region 5, serve on the MNIT Meet & Confer Committee, and am a member-at-large on the Delegate Assembly Planning Committee. In all of those positions, I had discussions with members and non-members about MAPE and the importance of having a strong union. Our Board needs new ideas from those further from retirement, and it's important that the voices of those newer to State employment are heard. I would like to continue the work I started as Regional Director in Region 12. If I am elected, I will work hard to find out the priorities of members in Region 5, and make sure our voices are heard!

#### **Tonya Fitzgerald**

Tonya D. Fitzgerald is the current President of Local 502, steward and member of DPS Meet & Confer. Tonya has spent 22 years working as a public servant as a middle school teacher in Orlando, FL., developing training **programs** at the U of MN School of Public Health and currently as a **project** manager for DPS Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Tonya has worked in state government and been a MAPE member for more than four years. Tonya began her union work as a member and representative of Robinswood Middle School (five years), for the Classroom Teachers Association. Tonya is thankful for the many leadership trainings and opportunities that have been made available to her as a MAPE officer and member. Tonya holds a **Bachelor of Science in** Agriculture Education and Master's degrees in Public Administration and Public Health. Most important to Tonya is advocating and helping others. Tonya is a **second-generation union member**, behind her mother (AFSCME 5 State of Illinois). She is asking for your support, to be elected as the next Region 5 Director. Please give her 100% of your support; she will work to make Region 5 the best in the state! Thank you

## Region 12 Director nominees

#### <u>Amanda Hemmingson-Jaeger</u>

Hello! My name is Amanda Hemmingsen-Jaeger, and I am running for Regional Director of Region 12. I have been a Forensic Scientist at the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension in St. Paul for 8 years. I have also been a MAPE member since the beginning of my state employment in 2011. My experience in MAPE includes being the Membership Secretary for Local 1203, serving as a local steward, member of the DPS Meet and Confer team, member of the Government Relations Committee, and delegate for Delegate Assembly.

I believe in inspiring and empowering others. As part of organizing committees for Day on the Hill, multiple contract rallies, and the Paid Parental Leave initiative, I have seen the power of coming together. I would like to continue this by being an advocate for Region 12. I also earned a Master's degree from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, so I possess the knowledge and skills necessary to analyze, research, implement, and communicate policies.

I am excited for the opportunity to represent YOU at the MAPE Board of Directors. I greatly appreciate your time, and hope to count on your vote in May.

### **Moua Song**

Candidate Personal Statement for Director Region 12

Name: Moua P. Song

Current Department: State of MN, MNIT @ Dept. of Human Services

**Current Job Classification: Information Technology Specialist** 

MAPE Local Number: 12-01

**Personal Statement:** 

I come with a vision. I come with changes. I come with a passion to work with this Union and its people. I pledge to work with you and to bring ideas together and make this Union a better place.

### My values:

- Respects the differences
- Support fair contract negotiation
- Fiscal responsibilities
- Membership activities.

Together, we can achieve a common goal and become a stronger and better organization.

#### Moua